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SUBJECT: GASOLINE TAX INFORMATION

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1. GASOLINE TAXES AMOUNT TO ROUGHLY 60 PERCENT OF PRICE TO CONSUMER, OF WHICH ABOUT 44 PERCENT IS "INTERNAL TAX" AND 15 PERCENT VALUE ADDED TAX. TAX RECEIPTS UNDER BOTH CONCEPTS GO TO THE GENERAL BUDGET. THE REMAINING TAX (LESS THAN 1 PERCENT) IS EARMARKED FOR A SPECIAL TRUST FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY, ETC.

2. FARMERS OPERATING GASOLINE POWERED AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY MAY OBTAIN TAX FREE GASOLINE. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF FARMERS USING SUCH EQUIPMENT IS STEADILY DIMINISHING AS THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THE MUCH CHEAPER DOMESTIC FUEL OIL FOR OPERATING AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY. EQUIPMENT OF THIS TYPE IS CONSEQUENTLY MORE AND MORE WIDELY USED. FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, INCLUDING PERSONNEL, ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO TAX-FREE GASOLINE; BUT THEIR CONSUMPTION IS NEGLIGIBLE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL.

3. ASIDE FROM EXCEPTIONS MENTIONED, GASOLINE TAX RATE IS UNIFORM.

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4. THE TAXES ON GAS-OIL (PRINCIPALLY USED BY TRUCKS) AMOUNT TO ABOUT 50 PERCENT, THAT ON DOMESTIC FUEL OIL TO ABOUT 18 PERCENT, AND THAT ON HEAVY FUEL OIL (PRINCIPALLY USED BY INDUSTRY) TO ABOUT 15 PERCENT.
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